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**READING CO-OPERATIVE BANK PRESIDENT MEETS WITH LEGISLATORS,  
REGULATORS IN WASHINGTON**



Reading, MA, March 24, 2010 – Julieann Thurlow, President and CEO, Reading Co-operative Bank was one of nearly 1,000 bankers who visited the nation’s capital recently to voice their concerns about how current banking proposals could impact the local economy. The visit was part of the American Bankers Association’s annual Government Relations Summit.

Thurlow met with John Tierney’s, Scott Brown’s and Mike Capuano’s office to discuss efforts to reform financial regulations and ways to enhance small business lending.

“Traditional banking remains the foundation for our economic recovery,” Thurlow said. “Banking is vital to helping small businesses regain their footing and the key to economic growth. The industry’s efforts will be successful so long as new laws and new rules don’t hobble a community bankers’ ability to serve our communities.”

Each March, hundreds of bankers from across the nation gather in Washington for ABA’s Government Relations Summit to personally share their concerns with high-ranking Administration officials, leaders of Congress and federal regulators.

Reading Co-operative Bank is a community bank, founded in 1886 on the principle that profit and growth go hand in hand with responsible banking and service to the community. Bauer

Financial, Inc. has honored them with the Five-Star Award for Excellence for the 73rd quarter running.

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